thursday, january 28, 2010

Wrongfully Accused

# Lowery wins settlement against City

Caitlyn Mason | COLLEGIAN

Last week the City Commission, Riley County Police Department, two RCPD detectives, Riley County, and their insurance companies, signed a settlement agreement with Eddie James Lowery, in which Lowery will receive \$7.5 million for his wrongful conviction and imprisonment.

In 1981, an elderly Ogden woman was attacked in her home while she was sleeping. The assailant gained access to the house and used his hands and her bedding to cover the woman's face.

The victim struggled and was hit in the head numerous times. Her attacker then raped her and left the residence. The woman called the police, and she was taken to the hospital where she was treated. The hospital employees collected a sexual assault evidence kit from the woman to preserve the evidence from the attack.

Barry Clark, Lowery's lawyer, said Lowery, a 22-year-old soldier stationed at Ft. Riley, was involved in a minor car accident early that same morning near the victim's house. Clark said Lowery was taken into custody for questioning, and was interrogated all day without food or water.

Clark also said when Lowery asked for a lawyer, the investigators informed him that he would investigators gave him crucial information about the attack, such as the location, the weapon that was used and other specific details about the rape.

These details were later used in his confession. No devices were used to record the interrogation



or Lowery's confession.

Lowery later recanted his statement, and his lawyer at the time fought to keep it from the jury. However, the court ruled that it was made voluntarily, and as such, the prosecution was allowed to use it.

Clark said that serological testing was performed on evidence collected, and a forensic analyst from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation testified that the semen from the crime scene was from a perpetrator with type O blood, which happened to match Low-

ery.
"Well, nearly 40 percent of the male population fits that description," Clark said. "It's kind of underwhelming when you hear

The jury from Lowery's first tri-

al was unable to make a unanimous decision, so he was tried again in January 1982.

This jury found him guilty, and

"[Lowery] believes strongly

that the pain he endured

should have a purpose and

hopes his case will improve

the quality of justice for the

people of Riley County and

**Official Statement** 

LOWERY AND CLARK

the state of Kansas.

Lowery was convicted of aggravated burglary, aggravated battery and rape. He was sentenced to 11 years to life in prison at the Lansing Correctional Facility in Lansing, Kan.

Clark said Lowery could have been re-

leased after six years, but all sex state as a sex offender every three offenders in Kansas must complete a treatment program before being considered for parole. He

refused to participate in the program because it requires the inmate to admit to their crime.

The parole board will not re-

ceive any inmates who have completnot ed the program. Lowery eventually cooperated with the program to increase his chances of early release.

In 1991, he was released on parole but was required to register with the

months. In Kansas City, where

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# Race team promotes Hepatitis C awareness

Tiara Williams | COLLEGIAN

Hepatitis C is known as the "silent killer." In the early stages, a person may complain of fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle aches or fever, according to medicinenet.com. Yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice) is rare at this early stage of infection. But over time, the liver begins to fail, which brings more problems in itself, and a person infected becomes weak, loses appetite, loses weight, develops rashes on the palms and experiences difficulty with clotting blood. Hepatitis C, which unlike Hepatitis A and B, has no vaccine and no cure.

By this year, doctors predict the disease to spread faster than AIDS. An estimated five million people in the United States have Hepatitis C and do not even know it. There is no funding for Hepatitis C research, compared to AIDS, only a year-long treatment that is hard on the body.

Allen Dale, Manhattan resident, was talking with friends when a girl brought up her hard times in this economic state and how Hepatitis C was not helping her situation. Allen was intrigued to figure out more and researched the disease and relayed the information to Susan Dale, his sister



COURTESY PHOTO

The Scuderia Shadetree Racing Team discarded a sponsor in favor of displaying "Get Tested Hepatitis C" to promote awareness for those who may have the disease and not know it.

and K-State alumnus.

Melvin Dale, Allen's father, started a family racing team, Scuderia Shadetree Racing Team. The team includes Donnie Dale, head mechanic and Allen's brother; Allen, head driver; and Artt Mann, roommate of Allen and Donnie and gopher of the team. The team members and Dale family discuss every decision made in reference to the race cars and the team.

Susan said she was surprised

at Allen's decision to rid his race car of its original sponsor and put "GET TESTED HEP-

ATITUS C" in its spot. "We are all dyslexic. Allen has the worst of it," Susan said. "He spelled Hepatitis with a 'us' instead of 'is' at the end. But hey, when people came out to watch the race, it got them talking, which is ultimately what we want. They googled the right way of spelling it and learned statistics." Susan said Allen told her he had

"After seeing his dedication and seriousness, I joined it," Susan said. "I stand up for my family."

The team agreed to the change and painted the second racing car the same but with the right spelling of hepatitis.

Melvin Dale talked with his family racing team about what to do about the loss of a sponsor and promoting Hepatitis C.

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**SGA** 

# Senate changes election process

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

Additional elections changes are coming to the Student Senate at the Student Governing Association meeting tonight. Last semester, the senate modified their elections appeal process by removing the Elections Review Committee.

At the first meeting of the spring semester, the senate plans to change the way in which their officers are appointed.

Currently, officers are nominated during the first meeting of the new SGA after senators are elected. During the second meeting the officers are elected by the Senate.

"It's caused problems in the past on turnover night," said Speaker of the Student Senate Amy Schultz, senior in biology.

Turnover night is the night when the outgoing senators hold their final meeting and the new senators hold their first meeting, Schultz said.

"In order to create a more welcoming senate, the officer elections will be the following week," Schultz said. "The overall point is to create a better turnover."

Changes to the senate elections made last year were ruled unconstitutional by the Student Tribunal in December. Schultz said she is unaware of any plan to discuss the tribunal's ruling at the meeting tonight.

"Until the tribunal communicates what exactly is going on with that process, we can't really do anything," Schultz said.

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## No grace granted by parking lot monitors | By Erin Logan







#### DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

TUESDAY

Oscar Aurelio Arevalo-Zuniga, 844 Mission Ave., was arrested at 8:16 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and driving under the influence. Bond was

Robyn Christine Estep, 811 Pebblebrook Cir. Apt. 7, was arrested at 8:44 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Latasha Nicole Young, Junction City, was arrested at 9 p.m. for endangering a child, possession of opiates and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Clifton Mears Rosin, homeless, was arrested at 11:37 p.m. for theft, forgery, two counts of criminal use of a financial card and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,798.

WEDNESDAY

Joshua Ishmael Hunt, Ogden, was arrested at 1:31 a.m. for fleeing. Bond was set at \$750.



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, www.kstatecollegian.com.

#### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The bachelor of architecture of interior design is the bachelor of interior design. The third ranked program is under the College of Human Ecology, not the College of Architecture, Planning and Design.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Bethaney Wallace at 785-532-6556 or e-mail *news@* spub.ksu.edu.

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## THE PLANNER

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**Information Technology Assistance Center** will be presenting the following orientations. The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required.

-IT Orientation: IT Security will be held from 10 -11 a.m. today in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Online Tools will be held from 10 -11 a.m. Tuesday, in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: The Magic Behind the Curtain: The Educational Communications Center will be held from 2 -3 p.m. Feb. 11, in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: IT Training will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. Feb. 17, in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Computing at K-State will be held from 2-3 p.m. Feb. 23, in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10 -11 a.m. March 4, in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10 -11 a.m. March 10, in Hale Library room

**Applications for Student Alumni Board** are now available at the Alumni Center or online at k-state.com/sab. An information reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center today for anyone interested in finding out more about the group. Applications are due at the Alumni Center by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

**Recreational Services** is offering two dance programs: Hip Hop Dance and Just Dance. Each program is 5 weeks, offered in several levels of difficulty, and begins Feb. 8. Sign up in the office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For class descriptions and fees, go on-line to recservices.k-state.edu.

**Recreational Services** offers nutritional analysis and consultations. Sign up for a 1-hour appointment. Register in the office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For fees and more information, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

The League of Women Voters is offering a \$500 scholarship for nontraditional students for the fall semester. The deadline is March 15. For more information, go to the office of nontraditional student services in Holton 101 or visit *k-state.edu/nontrad* for more information.

The Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship hosts its second annual "The Next Big Thing Competition." \$12,000 in cash prizes for entrepreneurial ideas. Orientation is Feb. 4 in Union 212. All students are encouraged to participate More information can be found at *k-state.edu/* entrepreneurship.

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, Office of Mediated Education and Information Technology Assistant Center is sponsoring the Instructional Design and Technology Roundtable. The first presentation for Spring 2010 is on Lecture-Capturing Options at K-State, today in Union room 212, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., presented by Bryan Vandiviere, Web Presentation Support Specialist, OME, and Timothy Bagby, Instructional Assistant Manager, iTAC. To learn more about the upcoming sessions this semester, go to the IDT Roundtable Web site.

There will be a Relay for Life team captain meeting on today at 7 p.m. in the Union room 212. If you are or are interested in being a team captain and would like to raise money to fight cancer, we would love to have you join us.

**Applications for National Student Exchange** for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 are due by March 1. For more information, contact Kari Nap in the Office of Admissions at karinap@k-state.edu or go to nse.

Come to SafeZone's Relationship Workshop Part I: Should I stay or should I go: how to recognize unhealthy relationships and get out, on Tuesday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Union 213. Registration is free and available at k-state.edu/safezone - click on trainings offered.

**On Feb. 4**, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., SafeZone will hold Relationship Workshop Part II, which will deal with enhancing relationships. This workshop is open to all members of the K-State community. Register at *k-state.edu/safezone* by clicking on trainings

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and held in 501 Hale Library except for Feb. 25 and that will be held in 301A Hale Library.

Feb. 4 - Windows 7 Feb. 11 - Yolink Search

Feb. 18 - Time to Talk - This presentation focuses on new Web 2.0 tools.

Feb. 25 - Uses of WordPress March 4 - Twitter Tools

March 11 - Zimbra Calendar March 25 - Google Wave

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## **LOWERY** | \$7.5 million settlement reached

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Lowery currently resides, newspapers print a list of these offenders.

Clark said that Lowery is a devout Christian and these lists were upsetting people at his local church. Clark said Lowery's pastor told him he had to leave the church because of it.

In September 2002, Lowery was able to prove his innocence when DNA tests on the crime scene evidence concluded he could not have been the source of the DNA.

Clark said there was only one person involved in the crime and because Lowery did not match the DNA left behind, it proved the detectives pressured into a false confes-

Lowery and Clark filed a civil lawsuit asking for \$35 million. Mayor Bob Strawn said all of the defendants and representa-

tives met in Witchita for mediation and reached a settlement agreement of

\$7.5 million. Strawn said at the time of the crime Ogden was insured with Farmers Insurance so Farmers agreed to contribute \$100,000 but later backed out.

"The city of Manhattan and Riley County agreed to cover the portion but plan to go back to court and recover it from Farmers," Strawn said.

The city is paying \$1.424 million for the settlement.

Clark and Lowery released a statement that said: "Mr. Lowery has always been committed to ensuring that what happened to him does not happen to others. He believes strongly that the pain he endured should have a purpose, and hopes his case will improve the quality of justice for the people of Riley County and the state of Kansas." A press release from the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency states that since 1981, a lot of things have changed and the technology which is now available most likely would have kept Lowery

out of prison. statement also The reads: "This litigation has reaffirmed the importance of a professional internal affairs operation, assured that the internal affairs process will remain an integral function of RCPD, and reaffirmed the need to constantly review and critique the process to ensure it meets the needs of

the citizens we serve." The statement closed with a personal apology to Lowery and a promise to continue improving their interrogation tactics. Brad Schoen, director of RCPD, and the defense lawyer in the case were unavailable for comment.

# **HEPATITIS** | Family gets involved

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Although Susan did not realized Allen's newfound passion at first, she soon rallied up her comedy production team, Lynn-Baxter Studios, to get on board. She figured the best way to spread the news would be in the form of a reality television series about her biracial family, "half white trash, half redneck" (one of Susan's hit jokes), and their racing team with overlaying of getting tested for Hepatitis C.

"The show is a giant public service announcement in a reality TV show way. Just a middle class family who just wants to get the message out and can take it to the forefront, showing struggles with not much money," Susan said.

Once on air (Susan and her production team are in the process of finding the right people to do the show) the show will be titled, "Livin' For Racin' Time."

"We have gotten lots of positive feedback, especially from the Tulsa Health Department," Melvin said. The Dales found most of their information about Hepatitis C from the Tusla Health Department.

Randi is proud to be sharing correct information about Hepatitis C. She passes out flyers and advises people to watch their videos at lynnbaxterstudios.com.

"People thought it was passed by inappropriate behavior (sex), needles, blood transfusions and sneezing," Randi said. "Now, it is said no one really knows. It kills the liver, but symptoms do not always present themselves at the beginning. It is contagious, so I say, 'don't share toothbrushes,' which you shouldn't

For about 70 percent of those with-Hepatitis C, no symptoms ever appear.

# Obama administration should take closer look at suicides

David Brooks | UNIVERSITY OF

On June 9, 2006, three detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba were found dead, supposedly having hanged themselves in their cells.

investiga-Before any tion was undertaken, these deaths were ruled suicides; Rear Admiral Harry Harris, then-commander in charge of the camp, said the men committed acts of "asymmetric warfare" against the U.S., proving the victims were jihadists.

But an article written by Scott Horton for the March issue of Harper's Magazine suggests that the official account of what happened that night was a lie and the three men were in fact tortured to death. The article – based on a report released in December written by Mark Denbeaux of the Seton Hall University School of Law, as well as interviews with guards who were on duty that night at the camp – claimed the official accounting of the events that occurred to be

unbelievable. Allegedly, the three detainees plotted to commit suicide simultaneously (even though they had only been in the same cell block for 72 hours), made nooses out of torn bed sheets and bound his guards that although their hands and feet before shoving rags down their choking on the rags they had throats, stepping up on their swallowed, the official stosinks and hanging themselves. We're also supposed to believe that the men accomplished all of this without any of the constantly-patrolling guards noticing and that they hung unnoticed in their cells for two hours.

However, the guards who spoke to Harper's - including the chief of security at Camp America, the portion of Guantanamo Naval Base that houses the detention facilities - reported seeing a van transport three prisoners to a secret facility nicknamed "Camp No" hours before the three bodies were supposedly found. It's not known for sure, but Camp No is rumored to be a CIA torture site. When the van returned, it did not transport the prisoners to the cellblocks, but instead backed up to the service entrance of the medical

The guards also confirmed that, despite being stationed with an unobstructed view of the walkway between the cellblock and medical clinic, they never saw any bodies transported from the cellblock to the clinic.

That night, Col. Michael Bumgarner, the commander of Camp America, told the prisoners had died from ry they were to tell would be that the prisoners had hanged themselves.

Both the autopsies and the NCIS report failed to mention any possible evidence of torture, including bruising, hemorrhages, needle marks or the rags stuffed down the prisoners' throats (which is a tactic commonly used during waterboarding).

Each report supported the initial claim that the deaths were jihadists engaging in asymmetric warfare by committing suicide. Yet the men's guilt as terrorists and motivation to commit suicide are

strongly in question. Yasser Al-Zahrani was 17 years old when he was turned in to American officials for a bounty. His case had been reviewed, and he was on a list of prisoners to be sent home.

Mani Al-Utaybi had been turned in for a bounty while doing humanitarian work in a tribal region straddling the borders of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan and was due to be sent home in a matter of weeks.

And the only evidence against the third prisoner, Salah Al-Salami, was that he had lived in a boarding

## LULAC adds members

Maura Wery | COLLEGIAN

Eighteen Latinos will be inducted into a nationally recognized council that addresses issues within an area's Latin community Thursday night. The league has been in operation for 80 years while the K-State council has been on campus for only two. The League of United Latin American Citizens is dedicated to resolving Latino issues along with service to the community in which it serves.

'We have many community members which range from K-State alum to just members of the community along with students dedicated to helping the community with issues of concern to them," said Madai Rivera, advisor to the K-State council.

The organization helps members of Latin American communities across the country. There are three other councils in Kansas: Topeka, Salina, and Garden City, but there is a uniueness to the Manhattan/K-State council which is marked by the pinning ceremony.

"This ceremony allows K-State the privilege of being the first university in Kansas to have a LULAC council, at the university level," said Sandra Salas, senior in pre-medicine and biology and president of the K-State council.

The council currently consists of 10 formal members. The new members will be receiving certificates along with a pin that marks their induction to the coun-

"The ceremony should be brief," Rivera said. "We will pin the new members and welcome them into the council, let them speak a little about themselves, then hear our speaker for the night, Elias Garcia of Topeka, who is the state director of the league. It should run from around 30 to 40 minutes at most and we encourage students and community members alike to come to the ceremony and see what our council has to offer them."

The council has sponsored many different programs already throughout its two short years on campus. Currently it is involved with a program at Seven Dolors Catholic Church, where members help Latinos learn to write and English. Another project in the works is providing interpreters to the Flint Hills Community Clinic in Manhattan.

"The clinic here in Manhattan provides low-cost healthcare to people without insurance," Rivera said. "And they were telling us many of the families who came into the clinic were Latino, and they were in desperate need for interpreters, so we are hoping to get a lot of our council members involved to help them with their needs".

Macario Benavides, junior in pre-professional secondary education and former president of the league, said the dedication of the people within the council and the programs they have helped bring to their community are the highest payoff members receive.

"I have been a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens for two years now, including a year in high school, and was one of the founding members of the K-State LULAC council," Benavides said. "So I take pride in our council's success."

The pinning ceremony will take place tonight in room 212 of the Union at 5:30

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Government regulation needed

The Problem: Have you been angry lately? Real unemployment is 17 percent, not to mention roughly the same amount of part-time workers, all brought about by self-interested bankers who have ben acting like gambling casinos with our money. And the house always wins, especially if it is too big to fail. The CEO of Goldman-Sachs made \$40 million this year -- money taken from you and me. GS instantly became a bank when they knew there would be bailout money. We don't know where the bailout money went. Bonuses increased last year by 40 percent. Less than 10 percent of eligible homeowners even got a response to their requests for refinancing from the banks. Congress received \$325 million in lobbying money last year from financial institutions. Proposed laws for the regulation of derivatives and credit default swaps: shot down, with members of Obama administration helping to man the guns. "Tea Party" group members proclaim that government has no authority to limit pay for bank executives. They believe in "freedom," even if those who control our money help themselves to as much as they want. They and big cor-

For health care reform efforts: single payer program, defeated; public

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option, defeated; medicare buy-in, defeated - all squelched by insurance company lobbyists who paid Congress \$375 million last year. The companies strive to constantly increase profits for shareholders, all made off sick people. CEOs get \$10 to \$20 million each. I stood for my country in the Marine Corps and taught children thereafter. I'm worth as much, probably more than some mumbling, grinning, smoothtalking monstrosity, dribbling rhetoric and taking our money for himself and his cohorts.

The Solutions: Have you had enough of this? People are rightfully beginning to take to the streets in many cities, marching non-violently, as they did in Chicago during the recent bankers' convention, to begin to take these self-interested people to task. We must do the same at the offices of Congressmen. They are the only ones with the final power to make the needed changes. We have something more powerful than big money: our collective vote. You can't get money if you're not in office. Most Congressmen will not make the needed changes unless we force them to. Right now the majority of them are bought by corporations. Are we the Corporation States of America? Visit your Congressman with a group of your friends, with signs. And the group may grow. Demand the

Mow over the competition.

changes described below or you won't vote for him Specifically, what are

the needed basic changes? Banks and big corporations hate simple laws that prevent loop holes, namely: break up big banks so they are not too big to fail. Make it illegal for banks to deal in securities (using our money). For mortgages, banks must always offer the 30year conventional mortgage as an option. No CEO of a publicly-owned corporation may make more than \$800,000 per year in cash and stocks. Records of all transactions using public money must be available to the public. The public option must be made available for health insurance (if people choose it because it is better, insurance companies will make theirs better). When there are easy mechanisms for fraud, we need regulation by government. This doesn't violate freedom, it makes it liberty and justice for all, not just fat cats. Also, check our two excellent organizations already performing some needed actions: National People's Action, George Goehl, President, showdowninamerica.org and Americans for Financial Reform, Heather Booth, Presiden, ourfinancialsecurity.org. Your anger is just. Don't hold it in. Put it to constructive use.

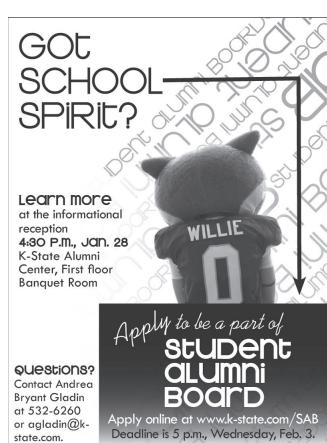
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# Junk Food



**GUEST COLUMNIST** 

## Partisan media outlets influence citizens



Democracy, in layman's language, means that everyone has an equal right to know, participate and judge the environment that he or she lives in. The foundation of a democratized, free nation is based on the philosophy that individuals have the right to choose based on their personal beliefs and understanding.

Democracy's greatest asset, which keeps checks and balances on those with responsibilities and powers, is that there are always people evaluating your actions and who will bring you to justice if you violate the law. Media is the most direct form through which common people exercise their freedom of speech. Today, this right for people to know the truth and act for what is right is being taken away by the partisan attitude that these guards, particularly the media, have recently developed.

People react to and believe what they see, read and hear. Media today, to a large extent, has completely forgotten its objective of reporting to the public the unbiased truth. Channels on television and newspapers try to form opinions through communication and to misguide people. There is a saying that per-

ception is greater than reality, and the media has taken every opportunity to take advantage of this.

Fox Television networks recently ran a story about a man who allegedly murdered his wife. The news anchor's comment was, "Demons like these should be hanged in full public view." Obviously the accused was pleading not guilty, but what should intrigue us is how someone who had no prior information into the incident, wasn't there at the crime scene, has no knowledge whatsoever of the scenario of events, had taken into his hands the authority to accuse, judge and punish the victim's husband on the spot.

Why do we need police or the judicial system to investigate the truth and interpret the law if a simple guy can do the same job sitting at his studio solely based on the information provided to him by a correspondent? What is dangerous is that not only does that news anchor push his opinion on national television, commenting on something he doesn't know a thing about, but he influences so many other viewers who are gullible enough to believe everything he says.

In another instance on Channel 7 news, a woman was accused of bullying a 14-year-old teenager on the Internet, leading to the suicide of the latter. The anchor played the part of the savior of justice by initiating a phone-based discussion on how sick the woman was. Numerous callers commented on the woman and demanded the death sentence for her. The anchor in the discussion had enough time to have three commercial breaks and showed not even a single sign of remorse for the teenager or her family.

The accused was later found innocent when it was brought into notice how the victim was using the same tactics to trouble her daughter, and she was somehow caught up in doing the role of a dutiful mother. People are always ready and eager to express their feelings on issues that do not concern them, but are we really serious about the same? Why doesn't the anchor realize what the accused person's family goes through and how bad does the victim's family feel when someone is making money

out of their tragedy?

The accused in the above two incidents, even after proven not guilty, cannot return to their normal lives due to a network's attempt to boost their ratings. These remarks can put a dark stain on someone's future. The question is, do we want to eliminate the act or the actors? Media coverage like that will surely make a profit but will worsen the state of mind of the actors.

If media has the authority to inform and create awareness, it does so by prioritizing prime news times discussing the private life of Miley Cyrus and her numerous boyfriends and forgetting to report about the crisis that is going on in Sudan.

News channels, papers and radio shows all try to push opinions of self-interest into common people's minds. It is a widely known fact that the presidential election of 2008 saw four mass news houses: CNN, The New York Times, Fox and USA Today, take Democratic and Republican sides respectively.

The news channels ran stories that contradicted what their rivals were showing, ultimately misleading the viewers from the actual reality. Both USA Today and The New York Times published articles that would convince why their respective political party had immaculate records while their opponent's were full of misdeeds.

The need of the hour is to act rationally, trust our instincts and analyze what the reality is, let the competent authority take the necessary action. Hold accountable the people who make lies to benefit their interests. A responsible and aware society is the stepping stone to a happy and prosperous nation, and it is against our best interests to allow lies to continue to spread as one day they might catch up with us.

Right to information is a right that the founders of our society fought hard for, and we cannot let it be taken away from us.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

# Safety improves



Dear Wildcats,

The 2008 Annual Security Report has recently been released by the K-State Office of Student Life. Each year, Student Life acquires statistics regarding crime on campus and compiles it into an annual report. Creating a safer environment on campus is a goal that we should

all strive toward.

When I looked at the report, the first thing I noticed was most of the crimes committed within the K-State community dropped from the previous year. This is an effort that you all should be commended upon. Making our campus safer has been a vital goal of administration and students for several years.

In addition, violent crime rates were relatively low compared to other places and universities. The only concerning crime rates were those of theft on campus and liquor law violations.

There are some simple steps that you can take to ensure that K-State stays theft-free. First, it is important to know how to recognize and use the emergency safety phones on campus. You can use these to report any suspicious behavior or to report a theft or violation.

Second, use the best-lit pathways. This year the Student Governing Association has spent a significant amount of time meeting with the City of Manhattan to identify and repair broken lights on and near campus. Also, always walk with a friend or utilize the Wildcat Walk program, which provides escorts on campus or two blocks off campus. Call (785) 395-SAFE to request an escort.

Third, make sure to lock up all personal valuables. Always lock your car and secure your bike to the bike rack. Be careful to keep the door to your home locked during the day when you are on campus.

Finally, the K-State Police Department offers free engraving of all valuables. Whether it be an iPod, laptop, camera or television, they will engrave your name and phone number on it, free of charge.

If you are interested in reading the full 2008 Annual Security Report you can access it at: k-state.edu/studentlife/reportsandpolicies.

Keep up the good work Wildcats. Through all of our cooperation and efforts we can continue to strive for a crime-free K-State.

> **Dalton Henry** STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

# Memorial bullride encourages continued dangerous competition



The other day, someone asked me if I would like to go to the Brett Cushenbery Memorial Bullride this Saturday. After an involuntary shudder, I told them I must decline for some very important reasons:

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results.

Brett Cushenbery, for whom this bull riding competition is named, died because he was trampled by a bull during a competition in 2003. The best way they could come up with to remember their fallen comrade was to repeat the same thing that got him killed, over and over. I'm sure it's just a matter of time before the memorial bullride is thirty names long for all the other people who get killed doing this dangerous so-called "sport."

In fact, last year they did

In fact, last year they did something called "cowboy poker," where they put a bunch of guys at a poker table in the middle of the arena and start throwing angry bulls at them. The winner is either the last guy who runs or the last guy who dies. His consolation prize? \$100. Not even enough to cover an ambulance ride. If that's not insane, I don't know what is. I understand the adrenaline rush of

almost dying, and how much fun that can be for the 30 seconds or so that it lasts, but that's why they have roller coasters and the Army. And the Army will pay you much more than \$100.

In order to get the bulls to get angry and buck wildly, they put a contraption over their genitals called a "flank strap." Being female, I can only venture a guess as to what it feels like to have your balls in a vice, but I suspect it's very painful and infuriating. Some might even call it torture.

I'm not a hard-core animal rights activist, because I understand that we're at the top of the food chain and because I eat meat, but there is a big difference between killing an animal for food and torturing it.

We're not using these animals for food. If they went to

the slaughterhouse, they would be granted a quick death with a blow to the head from that air gun thing in "No Country for Old Men." Instead, these animals are tortured over and over again for no purpose other than to amuse us. And people think cats are cruel with mice.

Insane, ignorant and heartless. This is why I will not go to the Brett Cushenbery Memorial Bullride, or any bullride for that matter. I'm sure Brett was a swell guy to all the humans who remember him, but I think planting a tree would have been a better way to memorialize him than the senseless torture of animals and endangering the lives of more people.

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# Knowledge is Power

# How well do you know K-State?

K-State is a tradition-rich institution. Many nostalgic K-Staters tend to seek out K-State trivia because of competition between the K-State and the University of Kansas. The Collegian has compiled a quiz to test your K-State institutional knowledge.

#### The original name of K-State is

- Bluemont Central College
- Blackmore Christian College
- Bluestem Central College Kansas College of Agriculture

#### Who is "Mr. K-State?"

- Tex Winter
- Phil Jackson
- **Ernie Barrett** Bill Snyder

## 3.) The last time K-State beat KU in basketball

- was... January 1, 2009
- March 1, 2008 b.)
- January 30, 2008 February 14, 2009

#### K-State was founded

- February 16, 1863
- March 4, 1853
- April 1, 1799 May 16, 1866
- What is K-State's motto? 5.)
- "In God we trust."
- "Work for towards the common good."
- "Rule by obeying nature's laws."

#### 6.) What is the official name of the K-State, KU rivalry?

- The Sunflower Smackdown
- The Wheat-state Wabash
- The Kansas State Rivalry The Sunflower Showdown

#### What is K-State's fight song? 7.)

- "Beat KU"
- "Go State!"

"A spot that I love full well"

- b.)

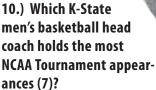


8.) K-Staters were not always

- The Aggies c.)
- The Bobcats

#### 9.) K-State's longest winning streak

- against KU is 5 games
- 10 games 3 games
- 16 games



- Lon Kruger Frank Martin
- Jack Hartman c.) Dana Altman

#### 11.) The "Wabash Cannonball" became popular as a result of what?

- The Aggieville Riots The arrival of President Wefald
- The Kansas State Collegian
- The 1968 Nichols Hall fire

## 12.) What was the name of K-State's

## first mascot?

- Boscoe
- Touchdown
- Willie the Wildcat
  - Sparky





# Warming home without extra heater use decreases bills



Winter months can be stressful on both physical and financial health. Unfortunately it is only the beginning of winter and some are unaware as to how poorly insulated their homes may be, which could really take a toll on a heating bill. According to doityourself.com, insulating the attic can cut the fuel bill by up to 30 percent. The thing we all want to avoid is save on our heating bills

by making sure to avoid cranking up the

Shutting the door completely when coming in from outside or on your way out of the door is important. It can and will save money. Because people are unaware of how much heat escapes from their homes, an important tip to remember is to seal off all entrances to your home. A great way to do this is to roll up a towel and place it in front of the door. I usually do this every night to keep the cold from drifting into the living room.

Windows are just as important as doors. They too need to be sealed off so heat cannot escape. Typically, look for the small cracks around the window. By putting a towel between the outer screen and the window to prevent the cold air from getting in and hot air from escaping, you will see a smaller heat bill and a cozier living space. Having the walls insulated can save 16 to 20 percent on your fuel bill, according to doityourself. com. If you do not want to stuff towels in your windows, be on the lookout for window kits to help keep the cold out. The 3M Insulator Window kits sold in hardware stores are not very expensive. The only downside is that a kit is needed for every window, but sometimes you can get away with using one kit per two windows. It all depends on what is avail-

Now, do not go and crank up the heater just because you make the effort to insulate your house. The magic number to set the heater on is 68 degrees Fahrenheit. It is important to have your home be warm enough to keep the pipes from freezing. If you are still cold, something you can do to help bring the heat up is cook. Not every situation calls for the magic number. Turn the heat up at your own discretion, but realize it will show up on the bill. If no one is going to be home, turn it down because there is no reason for the heater to be keeping the place warm other than to warm

If you are still feeling a little cold, you can always put on a blanket or warmer clothes. I am always hearing people talk about how they are so cold at their home, and when I ask them if they had on warm clothes or a blanket, they nev-

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# Action movie belongs in "Hollywood's dumping ground"

**Movie review by Patrick Bales** 

Don't see "Legion." Just don't. I know the preview looked cool with the promise of epic angel battles, tons of guns and catchy one-liners, but in reality, "Legion" fails on every level. The only ones who did their job in this production were the marketing department and the person who put together the trailer. Everyone else, aside from the unfortunate cast, should never be hired for a

The plot is stupid. God gets fed up with humanity, so he has His angels possess a number of humans and turn them into shark people (with black eyes and shark teeth). The angel Michael (Paul Bettany) doesn't like God's vengeful ways, so he returns to earth to protect a diner full of hicks. But these aren't just any hicks - one of them is pregnant with a baby that could potentially save humankind. The baby's future role is never explained. Maybe it has mystical powers or has the ability to make angels cry. Who knows? Once Michael arrives, the battle rages on between the simple diner folk, and the shark people that just sort of stand there. I guess that's not all true. Some of them break into the diner and say things like, "Your mother doesn't love you." Yeah, these shark people mean business.

The action is unimaginative and poorly filmed. Basically, the good guys shoot at the shark people, and they



fall down. The makers get a little crazy sometimes and have the characters run and shoot the shark people, but that's about it. There's an instance where Michael attacks the bad guys with computer-animated fire, and there's an angel battle between Michael and Gabriel involving some punches and front flips. Perhaps that angel battle could have been fun if the director knew how to film an action scene. The camera is all over the place, and the slow motion effects are random.

What makes all of this so much worse is how seriously the makers treat the material. They give an overdra-

matic monologue to every character. I have never seen a movie with so many stupid monologues. They all talk in these long paragraphs about how their lives are so hard or how they wish they could change. Occasionally, one of them sheds a tear. Perhaps the writers were hoping to sucker the audience into caring about these people. Personally, after listening to them talk, I just wanted them to die. It sounds bad, but the monologues just turned them into superficial characters that got on my nerves. In my mind, the sooner they died, the better ... because then the movie would be over.

The screenwriters throw in some twists in the last few minutes to try to add some cleverness to an otherwise by-the-numbers movie, but like everything else in this awful piece of drivel, it fails completely. Granted, the movie didn't make much sense before the twist. The whole concept of angels turning civilians into shark people already brings many things into question. But after the twist, all of the logic behind "Legion" gets complete-

I always try to think of elements that a movie does well, but with "Legion," I can't think of many. I did enjoy the old lady scene (shown in the preview), and there was a moment where the movie made me jump. Aside from that, "Legion" is as bad as theatrical releases can get. January has always been known as "Hollywood's dumping ground," and "Legion" definitely belongs in that dump. Avoid this at all costs. It's not even worth a rental.

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# New ticket policies hard on students



In a strange twist of fate, K-State's men's Basketball program is doing exceptionally well this year, yet the student section is unruly, restless, and frankly just mad. What is causing this distress? Intelligent business decisions and great coaching.

K-State's Athletics Department has announced on its Web site and the KU lineup procedure site that there are some key issues they decided to address this year and as such, reasoning behind why they changed the student sec-tion policies this year.

According to the Web site, student attendance was just over 50 percent of the tickets sold on average for the 2008-2009 season. Aside from the KU game, this represents a substantial amount of lost revenue potential. So in order to curb this pitfall, they decided to oversell the student sections this semester, citing that other schools around the country

make this a common practice. Okay, so agreeably there is a marginal amount of profit to gain from doing this. Of course there will be people who cannot make games and there will be flaky attendance records based on a multitude of factors such as how well the team is doing. But what about when the team is doing great?

On this record-setting journey for Frank Martin and Co., it is apparent that we, the students, are getting the short side of a long stick.

Not necessarily an opponent of the decisions made by the ticketing sales, I have a few reservations in justifying the logic behind such a case. First and foremost, as college students there are a number of us who very much live paycheck-to-paycheck. In doing so we work hard to make the money to get to the game in the first place, let alone have 10 hours in a day to stand in line, wait for a seat and watch the ballgame. Now, surely we will not get into the front row of the house, but I'd darn sure

like to get my money's worth. On average in the past few years, KU tickets are worth their weight in gold. Although scalping will not be referred to in this article for reasons of a legal sense, people generally get their money back if they cannot attend the KU game. There are people who want to go, and take their friends. For some of us working towards graduate school or just have jobs, unexpected things pop up and you cannot go. So you sell off your ticket and life presses forwards, but not this year.

As one of the masses who stood in line for hours to watch K-State knock off No. 1 Texas, I also saw tragedy in the eyes of those whose friends were turned away because the house was full. Can you imagine standing in line for over four hours and then not getting into the game? Well they can and they did. So now as we look forward to the KU game, which historically is always worse, we worry more. Will I get in? Did I miss too many games? Did I not get into the right group?

So now you have a large quantity of uncertain students trying to sell their tickets, which creates this giant surplus of unused tickets and also makes everyone else's tickets completely worthless. Screwed twice now, you can't go and you can't get any money back on the purchase you made. Hmpph. Seems like a justifiable reason to be disgruntled. Critics may challenge the true "die-hardness" of a fan who has to sell their KU ticket, but just because some don't want to stand in line with thousands of perturbed students or physically can't get the time off does not constitute a lack of true

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# **Crowd Control**



## Scoring first-row seats at Bramlage a victory in itself

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

Logically speaking, the last thing anyone wants to do when the temperature is only a few degrees above freezing is stand outside in the cold. But logical or not, that is what thousands of K-State students did on Jan. 18, the day the Wildcats took on undefeated No. 1 Texas in Bramlage Coliseum.

As early as 3 a.m., students lined up and waited...and waited...to be released into the stadium. When the doors finally opened, purple-clad fans poured into the stands, some galloping down the bleachers to get prime seats.

Some chosen ones were fortunate enough to be awarded giant faces of Coach Frank Martin (one smiling, one featuring a more traditional, intense look) and several players. There were a few creative signs among the crowd, including "Happy Frank Martin Luther King Jr. Day" and "Wrangling the Herd." Other sightings in the first row included felt beards, meant to greet junior guard Jacob Pullen's mom, Charlotte, who is, as of Pullen's last report, not yet a big fan of her son's facial hair.

Obviously, front row seats are a hot commodity. So what is the recipe for landing those coveted spots? Some students who scored courtside views at the Texas game gave insight into securing the seats.

The fans said several factors are involved in getting the best view of the court for a big game.

"Getting up at the crack of dawn," said Dani Hall, junior in marketing. "We got there at 8, and we were about 100 people

Others got in line at 4 a.m. and said some students arrived even earlier than that. As the day went on, the line nearly reached the far side of Snyder Family Stadium.

It stands to reason that students must find ways to pass the 12-plus hours spent waiting in line for those special spots. Collin McGuire, junior in finance, and Adam Neth, sophomore in architectural engi-



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Top: Hundreds of K-State students camped out and waited in line outside of Bramlage Coliseum Friday and Saturday for the opportunity to get a seat for last season's KU game. Above: Students from Hutchinson Community College, Andrea Zahn and Andrea Pankratz, lay outside in line around 8 am on Saturday morning before the gates opened.

neering, said they listened to 810 sports radio, took shifts keeping the spot in line, ate pizza and basically had pre-game. Hall said her group brought a tent, played cards and trash-talked Texas.

Collin Mangus, senior in secondary education, who said he has sat in the first row every game, gets in line as early as it takes to get seats in the first row. Obviously, not just anyone has what it takes to make that kind of a time commitment. While all kinds of students love basketball. there is a common denominator between those who devote their whole day to get-

ting seated first. "Intensity and a love for K-State," said Mangus, who came dressed as a banana to go along with his buddy, graduated senior Evan Nichols, who wore a gorilla suit under a K-State shirt.

As for the rationale behind the costumes, Mangus reasoned that getting on television is pretty easy as a gorilla and a banana. Of course, it's funny too, he said.

'We just have a bunch of fun out here and get crazy," Nichols said.

The K-State players and Martin consistently credit the fans for their passion and support. Pullen refers to the crowd as the team's sixth man. While Texas players said they handled the atmosphere, it is difficult to separate out why exactly a team loses. Martin was more certain of the crowd's role in the competition that night.

"Those fans respect the way we play the game," Martin said. "We don't win the game tonight without those people in the

# Chambers seeks Big 12 title, NCAA berth during career

Brittany Chambers is a freshman guard for the Wildcats. She is second on the team in scoring, averaging just under 13 points. She also pulls down 4.5 rebounds a game and is an 82 percent free-throw shooter on the season. The Collegian sat down with Chambers to talk about why she chose K-State and what it has been like seeing so much playing time as a freshman.

#### Q: Coming out of high school, what made you pick K-State? A: I loved the coaches and I fell in love with the

campus and the team itself. They're just amazing. That's pretty much it, just the coaching staff especially.

#### Q: Being a two-sport athlete in high school, when did you decide to narrow it down to basketball? A: The day I signed, I guess. It came down to a

volleyball school and a basketball school.

### Q: Did you get any offers from schools to play volleyball?

A: Yeah, lots. Probably more than basketball.

#### Q: Coming from an athletic family, were sports something you started early?

A: Yeah. Both my parents played collegiately and they're both also coaches. My dad is the head basketball coach and my mom's the head volleyball coach, so I've been in there every day since I was little.

## Q: What was it like playing for your

A: It was tough. It kind of got me ready for college but I guess you can't really ever prepare yourself for college. It's a whole new world. But she definitely was a really tough coach and pushed me to be the best I could. In that respect, it kind of got me ready for college and got me tougher as

#### Q: Did it even feel like it was your mom out on the court?

A: No, not at all. The only time I ever felt like she was my mom was when she was tougher on me than other people. Then you could tell she was a mom.

#### Q: OK, back to basketball. What's been the biggest difference between high school and college?

A: I guess the speed. The speed's so much quicker and that tends to make all the little things that you're not good at show, so you have to improve all the tiny, little things that you wouldn't have to in high school because they expose it here.

#### Q: What has it been like to come in and immediately see playing time as a freshman?



at her so high. I hope, someday, I could be even half as good as she was. For her to say that is a compliment in itself, but I have a long way to go to be compared to her.

A: It's been awesome. It's an unbelievable

**Compiled by Justin Nutter** 

## President addresses nation

Kimber Wenzelburger UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

In his first State of the Union address Wednesday, President Barack Obama urged Congress to unite in making the creation of American jobs its No. 1 priority in 2010.

Devoting most of his speech to the American economy, Obama acknowledged that though "the worst of the storm has passed, the devastation remains." He touted the success of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and he called for a new jobs bill that would take \$30 billion of the money banks have repaid and use it as a credit for small businesses who hire new workers or raise

Obama stressed the importance of college affordability, urging the Senate to pass a bill to increase Pell Grants, tax credits and student loan debt forgiveness.

"In the United States of America," he said, "no one should go broke because they chose to go to college."

Obama also vowed to double U.S. exports over the next five years, encourage American innovation, pass an energy and climate bill, freeze all discretionary government spending for three years and protect against civil rights violations and employment discrimination.

Through all of this, Obama urged bipartisanship between Democrats and Republicans "to overcome the numbing weight of our politics."

from collegenewsnetwork.org

# Suicides | Investigation needed

Continued from page 3

house in Pakistan that terrorists were believed to have used at one point. The same guards who spoke to Harper's for the article approached the U.S. Justice Department under President Barack Obama's administration with their concerns but were unsatisfied with the cursory investigation the department executed.

The amount of evidence indicating that these prisoners may have been tortured to death warrants a full investigation, yet there is no indication from Obama's administration that it is willing to do so.

There are more cases, too.

Since the beginning of the War on Terror, more than 100 detainees have died while in U.S. custody. According to military records, 34 of them are suspected or confirmed homicides, and evidence indicates others were falsely characterized as natural deaths.

The vast majority of those cases has never been investigated; only 12 deaths have resulted in any sort of punishment for any official.

Despite the CIA's heavy involvement in many of the cases, not one of its agents has faced a criminal charge.

None of these prisoners were ever charged with – or convicted of – any crime, and there is substantial evidence to indicate that many of them were innocent. Obama's administration needs to investigate every questionable case, punish those responsible for wrongdoing and ensure such events don't happen again.

Anything less is a disservice to justice and the ideals America stands for.

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The center, the first of its kind among Board of Regents' schools, opened a few months ago and has already helped many students, said Jodi Kaus, director of K-State's new Student Financial Planning and Counseling Center, in a press release.

In addition to access to the new peer counselors, former K-State student body presidents Matt Wagner and Lydia Peele and representatives from Waddell and Reed took part in the ribbon-cutting.

Peele came up from her home in Kansas City to oversee the open-

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"I think it's important for students in this economic climate because students are facing more and more challenges such as student loans, credit card debit and uncertainty of finding a job after graduation," Peele said.

Cadence performed as well, and door prizes were given away, including a 32-inch flat screen television, Garmin GPS, and an iPod.

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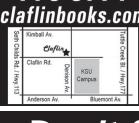
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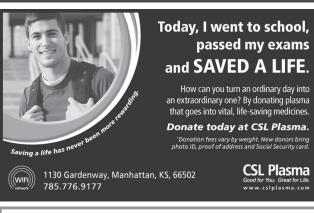


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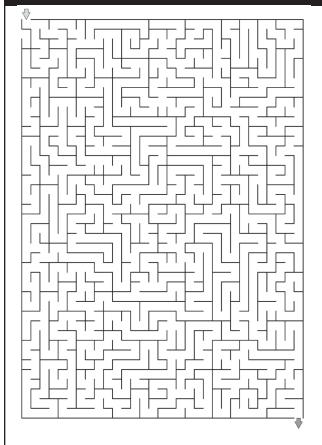
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